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SUBJECT; PRESS REPORTS FEBRUARY 11 SHELLING

1. TEXT OF MCCOMB ARTICLE (PUBLISHED WASHINGTON POST FEBRUARY 13) ON RECENT SHELLING OF PHNOM PENH BEING SENT ON WIRELESS AT REQUEST GKR AMBASSADOR UM SIM. HE IS SENDING GKR HIS VIEWS ON ARTICLE AND ASKED THAT COPIES BE FURNISHED LONG BORET AND KEUKY LIM. ALTHOUGH ARTICLE MAKES SOME GLOOMY FORECASTS, UM SIM CONSIDERED IT AN OBJECTIVE PIECE AND NOTED MCCOMB'S REPORTING HAS BEEN WELL-BALANCED. AMBASSADOR DOES NOT RPT NOT THINK THAT MCCOMB SHOULD BE APPROACHED BY GKR RE STORY. (WE SHARE UM SIM'S VIEW.)

2. MEANWHILE, EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO PLACE GRUNK BEFORE WORLD OPINION FOR THIS ACT WHILE SHOWING GKR HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS RESPOND TO NEEDS OF VICTIMS. REPORTING ON SPECIFIC ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN TO HELP WOUNDED AND HOMELESS WILL BE OF USE TO US. DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN HAS ALREADY CONDEMNED SHELLING OF INNOCENT CIVILIANS BUT WE ARE CONSIDERING ANOTHER STATEMENT IF IT SEEMS WORTHWHILE.

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3. WE HAVE NOTED LONG BORET'S CONDEMNATION OF SHELLING AND

APPEAL FOR HELP. IS GKR PLANNING FOLLOW-UP ACTION IN PHNOM  
PENH OR THROUGH ITS OVERSEAS MISSIONS? KISSINGER

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